

# North Carolina Child Nutrition Weekly Update



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## January Important Dates

### January 13 - 15

SNA Industry Conference  
San Antonio, TX



### January 21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
(State offices closed)

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## Grant Opportunity – School Gardens

If your School Food Authority is interested in school gardens, this new grant opportunity may be of interest to you. The NC Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom has launched a new grant program for schools entitled "Going Local." One of the focus areas is school gardens. Grants are available up to \$500. The application and contact info. for Michelle Reedy, Ag in the Classroom Director is here:

[http://www.ncagintheclassroom.com/pdf/AGintheClassroom\\_local.pdf](http://www.ncagintheclassroom.com/pdf/AGintheClassroom_local.pdf)

As you consider this opportunity, please also consider the "Best Practices" for School and Community Gardens that was developed for us in NC's public schools. Your local Agricultural Education Teacher can be a tremendous resource for anyone who wishes to successfully and safely manage a school garden.

## **\*\*REMINDER\*\* Onsite and Self-Assessment Reviews**

It's that time again! February 1, 2013 is the deadline for completing your On-site Reviews and Self-Assessments. Every school year each School Food Authority must perform on-site reviews of the meal counting and claiming system employed by each school/site under its jurisdiction. Keep in mind that SFAs may choose to use their own On-Site School Review form or Self-Assessment Form; however, at a minimum the forms must include all of the information that is on the State Agency prototype form and must any non-prototype form must be approved by your Regional Program Consultant.

The prototype On-site review form and Self-Assessment forms are attached for your convenience. It is important to remember that traditional public schools must use the On-Site School Review Form for LEAs and Charters, Non-public/private schools and RCCIs must use the Self-Assessment forms.

If you have questions please contact your Regional Consultant.

### (3) attachments:

- onsite review-lea.doc
- self-assess-ch&np.doc
- self-assess-rcci.doc

## Celebrate Sweet Potato Month in February

North Carolina is #1 in sweet potato production and now schools have a chance to be best in class in sweet potato promotion! February is Sweet Potato Month, and the N.C. Sweet Potato Commission is sponsoring a promotion contest for N.C. schools to celebrate.

### **Guidelines:**

- Submit pictures or portfolios of promotional and educational efforts about sweet potatoes that occurred in your school/cafeteria in February.
- All items are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2013.

- Send items to Heather Barnes, NCDA&CS, 1020 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1020 or [heather.barnes@ncagr.gov](mailto:heather.barnes@ncagr.gov)

Resources are available on the N.C. Sweet Potato website, [www.ncsweetpotatoes.com](http://www.ncsweetpotatoes.com). Lesson plans, posters and other educational materials are available by emailing [ncsweetsue@aol.com](mailto:ncsweetsue@aol.com). A list of suggested activities is available at [www.ncfarmtoschool.com](http://www.ncfarmtoschool.com)

### Prizes:

Winners will be recognized by the N.C. Sweet Potato Commission and N.C. Farm to School.

- 1st place \$250
- 2nd place \$150
- 3rd place \$100

For more information about the sweet potato promotion or Farm to School, see the attached flyer, activities list and newsletter and/or contact Heather Barnes at [heather.barnes@ncagr.gov](mailto:heather.barnes@ncagr.gov) or 919-707-3127.

### (3) Attachments:

- [nc farm2sch nwsltr.pdf](#)
- [sweet potato activities.pdf](#)
- [sweet potato flyer.pdf](#)

## In the Spotlight! – Johnston County Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Selma Elementary School (Johnston County) will be featured on NBC-17 morning news as a "Cool School" on **Wednesday, January 23, 2013** around 6:19 am for the \$60,191 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable grant we received from the USDA.

"This is a wonderful program that provides our students with fresh fruit and veggie snacks for free during the school year. I am very excited that our school will be featured." - *Kristen Percy, School Social Worker, Selma Elementary School*

## Vacancy Announcements

The following SFAs have openings for Child Nutrition personnel. Please review the attached corresponding vacancy announcements for further details and application instructions on any position that may be of interest to you.

SFA	Position Title	Contact
Cabarrus County	Food and Nutrition Supervisor	<b>Frank Fiorella</b> Child Nutrition Director Cabarrus County Schools 111 Union Cemetery Road SW Concord, NC 28027

		(o) 704 784-5121 (f) 704 784-5139
Craven County	Child Nutrition Supervisor	Questions related to this position should be emailed to <b>Gretchen Wilson</b> , Director of Child Nutrition Services at <a href="mailto:gretchen.wilson@craven.k12.nc.us">gretchen.wilson@craven.k12.nc.us</a>
Caldwell County	Child Nutrition Supervisor	Questions related to this position should be emailed to <b>Guy Garner</b> , Director of Child Nutrition Program at <a href="mailto:ggarner@caldwellschools.com">ggarner@caldwellschools.com</a>
Winston-Salem/Forsyth	Operations Manager	--

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## Mark Your Calendar

January 15 (Tuesday) ..... Deadline for December Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement  
January 21 ..... Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed – State Offices Closed  
February 1 ..... On-site Reviews Due (LEAs)  
\*\*February 10 (Sunday) ..... Deadline for submitting January Claim for Reimbursement  
February 15 (Friday) ..... Deadline for January Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement  
March 1 ..... Deadline for submitting Verification Summary Report  
\*\*March 10 (Sunday) ..... Deadline for submitting February Claim for Reimbursement  
March 15 (Friday) ..... Deadline for February Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement

**\*\* REMEMBER** – Anytime the 10<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend the actual due date for the claim for reimbursement is the next business day which is usually Monday. In the event that the following Monday is a holiday then the due date moves to the next business day. Also remember, the CN Technology system is programmed to flag any claim for reimbursement that is submitted after the 10<sup>th</sup> with the “10 day” error message (Error Code 1401). The NCDPI Child Nutrition section and the Claims section are fully aware of this and the Claims department will automatically override that error message for any claims submitted in this time period. It is not necessary to contact the Child Nutrition office when you receive the error message in this situation. However, if a claim reimbursement is submitted after the 10<sup>th</sup> for any other reason, you must contact us. **NOTE:** This also applies to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for which the claim for reimbursement is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.